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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on March 1, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison 6:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 19 -
Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Cudmore - Arras France
R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 3 -
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WARMAN, MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee acknowledged the passing of Robert Warman, former Alderman, member of the International Relations Committee and Chair of the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee. The Committee discussed his remarkable career serving with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Military Police, Air Force Policeman.

The Committee commented on Rob and his commitments and support to the community, the City's future and the City's Twin City, Zweibrucken Germany. The Committee offered sincere condolences to Rob's wife and family.

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

BARRIE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Barrie International Partners Website. He advised that a presentation will be taking place at a City Council meeting in March, 2022 concerning the launch of the Barrie International Partners Website.

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

There was no update provided concerning the Committee's budget.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw and Hiromi Noguchi provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan. Mr. Sachkiw advised that he has received an interest from representatives in Murayama, Japan concerning a potential adult and youth exchange between the two municipalities in 2022.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Shannon Scully-Pratt provided an update concerning bookmarks depicting images of the City's International twinning/partnerships similar to those of the banner flags. The Committee discussed and provided it's feedback to Ms. Scully-Pratt. The Committee will discuss this further at its next meeting.

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program. Mr. Babcock advised the application process has commenced for the 2022/2023 Global Perspectives Program and that applications can be located on the Innisdale Secondary School and Barrie International Partners websites.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB UPDATE

Jean Maurice Pigeon provided an update concerning German Twinning and the German Canadian Club. He explained that Zweibrücken, Germany are preparing for a visit from the delegation from the City of Barrie during May, 2022 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the twinning relationship between the two municipalities. He advised that Zweibrücken, Germany will be hosting an anniversary celebration.

Mr. Pigeon explained that plans are for a delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany to visit the City of Barrie in September, 2022.

Mr. Pigeon advised that there is nothing new to report concerning the German Canadian Club.

HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning Harrogate, North Yorkshire United Kingdom. He advised that there have been discussions concerning a potential exchange between Barrie Scouts and Aircadets with Harrogate, England including virtual and in person exchanges.

Louise LeRoux explained that she is coordinating a meeting between the rugby clubs in Harrogate, England and Barrie to discuss a potential sports team exchange between the two municipalities.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair advised that there were no updates concerning Arras, France.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project including Sir Robert Barrie Day. Deputy Mayor Ward advised that he would contact staff in the Mayors Office to discuss Sir Robert Barrie Day for June 7, 2022.

Mr. Sergeant anticipates that flag banners commemorating the City's International partners or relationships will be installed during the spring, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

CHAIRMAN